GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Pneumonia Death
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has taken note that India leads in Pneumonia deaths among children, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise during the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to check the prevalence of Pneumonia among children?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a): Yes. As per the Pneumonia and Diarrhoea Progress Report, 2014 of the International Vaccine Access Centre (IVAC), India tops the list of 15 countries in terms of total burden of under-five deaths due to pneumonia. The reasons being high prevalence of underlying undernutrition, low birth weight and indoor air pollution.

State/UT-wise details of pneumonia deaths among children during the last three years are not available.

(b) Government of India, under National Health Mission, is undertaking following interventions for prevention and control of pneumonia among children:
â€¢ promotion of infant and young child feeding practices to prevent onset of malnutrition,
â€¢ vitamin A supplementation,
â€¢ vaccination for diphtheria, pertusis, measles, Hib etc.,
â€¢ improved case management for pneumonia at community and health facilities
â€¢ training of health personnel on integrated management of neonatal and childhood illness including pneumonia
â€¢ promotion of hand washing and personal hygiene through IEC activities etc.

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